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SUBJECT: LABOR: UIL FACTIONS RECONCILED

1. THE FEUDING FACTIONS IN THE SECULAR, NON-COMMUNIST LABOR CONFEDERATION UIL HAVE PATCHED UP THEIR DIFFERENCES. THE SOCIALISTS, CONSTITUTING A PLURALITY BUT PLACED IN THE MINORITY THROUGH THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN REPUBLICANS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS PLUS SOME DISSIDENT SOCIALISTS, HAVE BEEN UNHAPPY FOR TWO REASONS: THEY ACCUSE SEC GEN VANNI OF RENEGING ON UIL'S COMMITMENT TO EVENTUAL MERGER WITH THE OTHER TWO CONFEDERATIONS -- THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL AND THE DC-ORIENTED CISL -- AND THEY FEEL UNDERREPRESENTED IN UIL'S DECISION MAKING ORGANS.

2. BASICALLY, THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM DERIVES FROM A REITERATION

BY UIL THAT QUOTE THE UNITY OF ALL THE WORKERS, THROUGH THE UNIFICATION OF CGIL-CISL-UIL, APART FROM THE DIFFERING VIEWS AMONG THE CONFEDERATIONS AS TO TIMING AND METHOD, REMAINS FOR UKL AN IRREVERSIBLE CHOICE. UNQUOTE AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE SOCIALISTS HAVE RESCINDED THEIR TENDERED RESIGNATIONS FROM UIL'S
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VARIOUS EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION. THE QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING

THE SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN EARLY OCTOBER.

3. COMMENT: AS THE MODERATE DAILY IL GIORNALE COMMENTS, QUOTE THE VOTE OF JUNE 15 CONTINUES TO EXERCISE A SEDATIVE EFFECT ON THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONS. UNQUOTE THE UIL ARMISTICE FOLLOWS THE RECENT RECONCILIATION ACHIEVED IN CISL (ROME'S 10515). IT MEANS THAT THE TWO DEMOCRATIC LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE LESS INCLINED TO SQUABBLE INTERNALLY, AND THAT, ON BALANCE, EACH IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PUSHING FOR AN EARLY MERGER WITH THE CGIL. THE UIL STATEMENT ON UNIFICATION, QUOTED ABOVE, RATHER POINTEDLY LACKS A SENSE OF URGENCY. THE MAJOR COMMUNIST ELECTORAL GAINS REGISTERED ON JUNE 15 HAVE MADE CLEAR TO LABOR WHAT OTHERS HAVE SEEN FOR SOME TIME, NAMELY, THAT LABOR UNIFICATION IS BENEFICIAL TO THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. VOLPE

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